

January 2, 1964

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c/o Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Russ:

Although I have expressed myself to you personally I do not think it would be proper to close the books on your association with the Subcommittee without this note.

As the person who worked with you daily in connection with the Subcommittee's study of nuclear test ban matters I know your tremendous contribution better than anyone. The inquiry would have been far less effective if we had not had the benefit of your high professional competence and very fine personal attributes.

You did a tremendous job under circumstances which were sometimes less than ideal and I had a constant respect and admiration for your knowledge and ability and the manner in which you conducted yourself at all times. There is no one who I have come to value more highly in such a short period of time.

On the personal side of the ledger, let me say that I just could not have gotten along without you. You were my strong right arm and steered me through and around many difficult situations. I will miss you greatly.

Let me wish you great success in all your future undertakings and assure you of my warm and enduring friendship in the coming years.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Director of Central Intelligence.

Sincerely,

Signed

James T. Kennell  
Chief Counsel, Preparedness  
Investigating Subcommittee

cc: Honorable John A. McCone